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Applicants submit this request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the above-identified application.

- [X] Please consider the following submission(s) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:
 - [X] The enclosed amendment dated June 24, 2003, is being filed prior to payment of the issue fee.
 - [X] Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08, copies of 22 cited references
- [X] Also enclosed is:
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- [X] Check No. 19166 in the amount of \$1926.00 for the total fee as calculated below.
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Total Claims	168	- 33 =	135	x \$18.00	\$2430
Independent Claims	13	-5 =	8	x \$84.00	\$672
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Total Amendment Fee					\$3102
Continued Examination Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) of \$750.00					\$750
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3117.

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